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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CHASE BANK VISITORS

REF: STATE 030825

1. GSDR EXTENDED RED CARPET TREATMENT TO CHASE MANHATTAN BANK VISITORS: WAYNE FREDERICKS, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FOR AFRICA; VICE PRESIDENT DAVID BUCKMAN; AND MR. KENNETH LUSSIERBB REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN NAIROBI. VISITORS SPENT TWO DAYS IN MOGADISCIO MARCH 12-14 AS PART OF AFRICAN TOUR OUTLINED REFTEL.

2. VISITORS WERE INVITED AS GUESTS OF GSDR BY SOMALI AMBASSADOR TO US, ADDOU, WHO RETURNED TO MOGADISCIO IN PART TO ARRANGE VISIT WEEK BEFORE THEY ARRIVED. MEETINGS WERE ARRANGED WITH MINISTERS OF FINANCE, PLANNING AND FOREIGN TRADE, AS WELL AS WITH HEADS OF ALL FOUR GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED BANKS. GSDR PROVIDED ESCORT OFFICER, VISITS TO PROJECTS OF INTEREST NEAR MOGADISCIO, AND GENERALLY HIGH LEVEL OF COURTESY.

3. US AMBASSADOR HOSTED DINNER SECOND EVENING WITH EIGHT SOMALI OFFICIALS PRESENT, INCLUDING HEADS OR DEPUTIES OF ALL FOUR BANKS AND DIRECTOR GENERALS FROM TWO MINISTRIES.

4. COMMENT: SOMALIS MADE REAL AND SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO SEE VISIT WENT WELL, AND WE UNDERSTAND CHASE OFFICIALS WERE VERY CONFIDENTIAL

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PLEASED WITH THEIR RECEPTION. THEIR VISIT MARKED FIRST TIME

SINCE CONGRESSMAN BINGHAM'S VISIT IN JULY '73 THAT SOMALIS HAVE
ACCEPTED INVITATION TO RESIDENCE. IT IS EXAMPLE OF GSDR PATTERN
OF EXTENDING GREATER COURTESIES TO VISITORS, EXPECIALLY THOSE
UNDER GSDR SPONSORSHIP, THAN TO RESIDENT DIPLOMATS.

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